

LIVE NEWS AND FRESH GOSSIP FROM SMALL PARTS OF VIRGINIA

GENERAL LEE IS VERY SANGUINE

He is Stirring Up Jamestown Exposition Enthusiasm.

REPUBLICANS ARE ANXIOUS

The Distribution of the Federal Offices is Giving the Norfolk Federals a Ho-ho. Holders Considerable Occasion for Grave Concern.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., December 2.—General Lee is sanguine as to the success of the Jamestown Exposition. His address last night infused new enthusiasm into the hearts of those who were inclined to be doubtful. He spoke of having met a number of the members of Congress who were favorably impressed with the idea of granting a large appropriation and of the benefit the exposition would confer on the State of Virginia. Without any solicitation on the part of the citizens of Norfolk alone, these subscriptions range from \$25 to \$1000, and they come from all classes of men. Gen. Lee and a number of the directors will speak at Newport News tonight. They are invited to a banquet given by the Chamber of Commerce there to-night, to be followed by a mass meeting of the citizens.

POLITICAL ACTIVITY

There is a great deal of political activity among the Republicans here. While it is not apparent that Colonel George E. Bowden is so much worried as some of the correspondents have assumed, it is evident that the distribution of the offices is causing a considerable degree of anxiety to some of the Republicans who are either out of office or are afraid they will be out shortly. Hugh C. Minor returned from his trip to Kansas with the Schley party this morning and was in the Federal building meeting friends. There were others, including Colonel Fred Rank of Newport News, Major R. G. Banks, C. E. Carney and other prominent members of the party interested in the distribution of the offices.

INSULATION OF WIRES

The suit of Andrew Middleton, a new York insurance agent, against the Western and Northern Telegraph Company and the Postal Telegraph Company for \$5000 was continued today before Judge Martin because of the intricate technical questions involved. The lines of the two companies were strung on the same poles, consequently there are questions of liability. The company of the efficiency of insulation involved. The questions make the case difficult alike for the attorneys and are likely to make it difficult also for the jury. The man was shocked, as he contends, because the wires of these companies were not properly insulated. The accident, he declares, has not only disabled him, but cost the expenditure of \$500 in physicians' bills.

RAISE COAL COMBINE

The special committee on the coal situation reported today the following resolution: "Resolved, That the Councils of the city of Norfolk condemn the action of the parties interested in the soft coal combine in raising the price of coal." The body of Joseph H. Fieldsmith, killed by a Norfolk and Western coal train on Saturday, December 1, was finally claimed by the deceased's strange wife, who had not seen him in seven years, and Funeral Director H. C. Smith has shipped the remains to Iron River, Michigan, on her order.

A SMALL SHOTGUN

There is a small shotgun among the Norfolk and Western employees. Thirty-one of the piece workers in the repair department of the car shops at Lambert's Point quit work yesterday afternoon, and walked out and were still out today. They are all union men, but the union has nothing to do with the matter. They say it is not a "strike," but a "walkout." Their grievance is a matter of the car inspector, Charles Powers. They have complained to the general foreman and want the inspector's resignation asked for.

Sam Gould, a negro, attempted to murder a negro woman in South Norfolk this morning. He entered her room, took her by the neck, and before firing his nerve failed him, and the bullet only grazed her nose, took off her right eye-brow and lodged in the pillow on which she was reclining. The shooting created considerable excitement among the negroes. The negro Gould made his escape and has not since been seen. Jealousy was the cause of the shooting.

MANY FOOTPADS

Norfolk at present is infested with a gang of footpads, who are reaping a golden harvest in the matter of holding up citizens. During the past week four citizens were held up and robbed of their money. The robberies all occurred after midnight. The police believe that the robberies are the work of tramps, who, at this season of the year are on their way to the south and use Norfolk as a stopping-off place to ply their nefarious vocation.

Beginning at midnight to-night the Norfolk Railway and Lights Company will experiment with what is known as "owl" cars, that will run from 12 o'clock at night until 5 o'clock in the morning. The fare for a ride will be ten cents, the same as charged in larger cities. The management of the railway states that each car must take in \$3 on each round trip in order to pay expenses, let alone any profits.

Mr. H. M. Smith, Jr. of Richmond, will be the orator on the occasion next Sunday of the annual memorial exercises at Norfolk Lodge of Elks. The services will be held on an elaborate scale.

GRONER AND COLES

Mentioned as Candidates for Assistant District Attorney.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NORFOLK, VA., December 2.—Among those prominently mentioned for the position of assistant United States attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia are D. Lawrence Groner, of Norfolk, and M. A. Coles, of Northumberland. Mr. Groner is a close friend of Judge Lewis, the new district attorney. He stated to the Leader correspondent that he was not an applicant for the position and that if Judge Lewis had some one else in view he would not make a bid for the place.

Attorney Coles is at present the chief deputy for Marshal Morgan Treat, with headquarters at Richmond. Hugh Gordon Miller is at present the assistant attorney. The appointment is made by the Department of Justice at Washing-

ton and the man whom the district attorney recommends will likely get the position.

Norfolk has a five-cornered fight for the postmastership. The aspirants are the present postmaster, J. R. Waddy; his assistant, S. B. Garney, H. B. Nichol, a wealthy wood and coal dealer, Thomas Lowrey, cashier at the Custom House, and who is the chairman of the Republican City Executive Committee, and United States Deputy Marshal West. It is generally believed that the man who gets the endorsement of Geo. E. Bowden will land the plum.

Mr. Bowden comes pretty near controlling the Federal patronage in the Second Virginia District. Mr. West told the Leader correspondent that he was assured of the endorsement of Mr. Bowden. The term of the present postmaster expires in January. The job pays \$53.50 a year.

CHARTERS GRANTED

New Enterprises in West Virginia Recently Launched.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

COVINGTON, VA., December 2.—Mont. J. Carmack, superintendent of the Covington Light Company, J. M. Carmack, formerly of Covington, but now of Charleston, W. Va.; Walter Fishback, of Toledo, O.; Ambrose Adams, of Cleveland, O.; and J. E. Clark, of Charleston, W. Va., have just granted a charter incorporating the West Virginia Coal and Iron Company, of Charleston, W. Va., with a capital stock of \$100,000, part of which has been subscribed and paid. The company is empowered to drill for coal, to mine, to transport, to manufacture, to sell, and to conduct general manufacturing business. The company will have their office in Charleston, and the operations will be carried on in Kanawha and other portions of the State. Mr. Carmack will give up his position with the Covington Light Company, and will leave next week with Mrs. Carmack for their future home in Charleston.

Messrs. E. Chase, J. R. C. Slaughter, and E. W. V. E. T. Moller, of Charleston, and E. W. V. E. T. Moller, of Charleston, are hoping to charter for a wholesale grocery house at Runover, thirty miles west of Covington. The capital stock of the company is \$5000, and many of the articles used in the conduct of the business will be manufactured on the premises. Mr. Slaughter is thoroughly acquainted with the work, having for several years traveled for a Clifton Forge wholesale grocery.

Dr. A. C. Jones, of Covington, and Mr. David Lake, of Piedmont, W. Va., who have been abroad several weeks, will leave tomorrow on their return home.

Mr. J. Ernest McChung, who recently went to New York to attend to business, returned home this morning, having failed to be benefited by the change of climate. He was accompanied by his wife, who went to New Mexico ten days ago.

EXPOSITION MEETING

Early Attended in Newport News on Account of Severe Rainstorm.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 2.—The meeting held at the Academy of Music last night in the interest of the Jamestown Exposition, owing to a terrific rainstorm, was small. President Fitzhugh Lee could not be present. President J. L. Patton, of the Chamber of Commerce, presided. Among the speakers were Director-General D. Lowenberg, First Vice-President N. Beaman, Executive Committee-Man T. S. Southgate, of Norfolk, and T. J. Wood, of Norfolk. Other speakers were Mayor Moss, E. J. Ford and W. P. Johnson, of Norfolk.

There were present in addition Executive Committee-Man Barton Myers, C. Brooks Johnston, C. S. Sherwood and G. T. Shepherd, all of Norfolk. Hon. E. C. Madison will not be a candidate for the position of mayor in the upcoming election. He was formerly inspector for the unincorporated Warwick District. After a factional fight the county was divided, and Mr. Madison retained the inspectorship of the upper half. Mr. T. A. Sinclair, being given the lower half. Later the two sections were thrown together, and Mr. Sinclair was placed in charge of the whole district. Then, at its last meeting in Norfolk, the Board of Fisheries decided to cut the district in two again, and there has been much speculation as to who has been named to succeed him. The impression being that Mr. Madison would try for the job again. It is probable that a member of the Madison faction, however, will be named, though this is yet a matter of conjecture.

William Lee, the negro who Saturday night fired upon George Smith, alias "Turkey Smith," was arrested today charged with felonious assault.

TOBACCO SALES

They Last All Day at Farmville—Some Decline in Prices.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

FARMVILLE, VA., December 2.—Tobacco sales lasting all day were held on the Farmville market today, and there they did not get through selling at all of the warehouses. Tobacco continues to roll in, and it is expected the market will be closed tomorrow. There is a decline in prices on all grades.

A negro girl, about fifteen years of age, barely escaped being run over and cut to pieces today by a passenger train. The engineer brought his train to a sudden stop just as it struck her. So sudden was the stop that many passengers were thrown from their seats, and it was all that the engineer and fireman could do to stay in their places.

Damages Awarded

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

STANTON, VA., Dec. 2.—Sutton & Co. of Stanton, who sued the Valley Railroad in the Circuit Court for \$250 for burning their store and stock, secured a verdict today for \$330. The jury acted under instructions of the court and by agreement of counsel.

Tutt's Pills

Cure All Liver Ills.

Arrested by the timely use of Tutt's Liver Pills, an old and favorite remedy of increasing popularity. Always cures.

SICK HEADACHE

our stomach, malaria, indigestion, torpid liver, constipation, and all bilious diseases.

TUTT'S LIVER PILLS.

Freight Depot for Coast Line

Contract Awarded for New Building in Washing on Street.

CAPITAL STOCK INCREASED

The Appomattox Trust Company Increases Its Stock from \$100,000 to \$300,000—Local Happenings and Personal Mention.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 2.—Mr. G. W. Lambert, of Richmond, has been awarded the contract for building the freight depot for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company on Washington Street. The depot will be a one-story brick building 100 feet long and 60 feet wide. It will extend from Union to Sycamore Street.

The stockholders of the Appomattox Trust Company last night decided to increase the capital stock three times its present issue, making the capital stock \$300,000. The Petersburg manufacturing, is said, will subscribe \$100,000 to stock. The company will enlarge the scope of its business.

Vendict for Defendants

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 2.—The jury in the Circuit Court this afternoon, in the case of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company against Burke and Herbert, bankers, a suit in which the plaintiff sought to recover \$1000 in damages, money alleged to have been paid to Burke and Herbert, former local agent of the company, without authority, rendered a verdict for defendants.

Professor Henry Mitchell

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 2.—Word has been received here of the death in New York today of Professor Henry Mitchell, the noted engineering expert. Professor Mitchell was a member of the United States advisory committee on the harbor of New York and Portsmouth, Va., and of Philadelphia. He was a native of Nantucket, and a brother of Maria Mitchell, the famous woman astronomer of Vassar College. He was connected with many of the important engineering enterprises in the South, including the Mississippi River bridge, the Panama Canal under Ferdinand de Lesseps.

Card From Mr. Evans

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

Amherst, Va., Dec. 1, 1902. Editor of The Times: Sir—Not wishing now intending to enter in any controversy in the newspapers, but with the permission of The Times, desiring to make public my position in regard to a communication from the signed by Judge C. J. Campbell, which in the press of business I overlooked, and to which my attention was not called for some time after its appearance, I wish to say:

It is possible that in my zeal and eagerness for the honor of the State, which is due to me, and realizing how nearly the same was threatened, that I was unduly bold in running the risk of being accused of acting from spite by this vaunting knight of the gun and cowhide who publicly exploits the fact that he has shot the writer, in self-defense, though the latter was actually unarmed. But be this as it may, I faithfully tried to set forth in the petition to the Governor and Legislature from the evidence in my possession a full account of the remarkable "Campbell and Crawford trial." Whether said statement was true or not can be readily determined by the Legislature, which is the proper body to further push this matter before the General Assembly, and with the friends of Judge Campbell in that body openly trying to prevent any action, though it is hard to understand why they should not desire a thorough investigation, if he be lying, as they would have the public suppose, it is possible that Virginia will have to rely upon her ancient good name to save her from the present menace.

Very respectfully,

OTTO L. EVANS.

WOULD BREAK UP RAT-KILLING TIMES

Bill in Legislature to Prohibit Unique Business in East Virginia.

The introduction of a bill in the Senate yesterday to prohibit the killing of muskrats, which are made victims by the white glare of a reflector, calls up a most unusual manner in which many a man in Tidewater Virginia makes dollars and dollars every fall and winter. The bill, introduced by Mr. Julian, is now in the Senate, at the request of Mr. L. T. Christian, of the House, is designed to break up this business and save the State a thing which is going to cause a full-grown head to be killed and a shot. The bill is usually taken up in the House, New Kent, Charles City, King William, James City and other counties of the eastern section of the State intersected by small rivers, whose borders are marshes literally infested by muskrats. Any calm fall or winter evening one may see boats gilding up and down the thoroughfares of the marshes of the Chickahominy River. A strong light will be full upon one or other of the banks, thrown ahead and concentrated by a parabolic reflector. All around is as dark as night, and the result is usually a dead rat, a shot, and no longer slushy. If there is a rat on the end of that log, as often one is found in such places, he becomes as conspicuous as if he were perched upon a lamp post. The light thrown upon him thus has a double purpose, both of which it serves well. It kills the rat, and it displays the muskrat as if it were a "scarce head" in a matrimonial paper and it blinds his rodent majesty until he is utterly bewildered. He sets perky city still while making up his mind what he is "up against," and the next thing he knows he is feeling a load of No. 4 shot, and no longer slushy. If there is a rat on the end of that log, as often one is found in such places, he becomes as conspicuous as if he were perched upon a lamp post. The light thrown upon him thus has a double purpose, both of which it serves well. 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